IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

FRIDAY, THE 15TH JUNE 2007 / 25TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 18440 of 2007(T)

PETITIONER:

JAMES MATHEW, S/O.MATHEW,
THENGINKUDIYIL HOUSE, ARIVILAMCHAL,
RAJAKUMARI, IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.BABU S. NAIR

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, IDUKKI.

2. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ADIMALI POLICE STATION,
IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY G.P. SHRI.I.V.PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 15/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S.SIRI JAGAN, J.

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W.P.(C).No.18440 of 2007

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Dated this the 15th day of June, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KL-6C.6025 was seized by the 2nd respondent on allegations of transport of river sand illegally. The petitioner seeks interim custody of the vehicle, pending further proceedings in the matter by the 1st respondent.

2. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned Government Pleader.

3. After hearing both sides, I direct the 1st respondent to release the petitioner's vehicle on his depositing an amount of Rs.25,000/- and producing proof of ownership of the vehicle. This is subject to the further condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or otherwise part with possession of the vehicle till passing of final orders by the 1st respondent. The 1st

respondent shall pass final orders in the matter expeditiously.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

Sd/-

sdk+ S.SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

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P.A. to Judge.